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The Markiezenhof Palace in the city of Bergen op Zoom, province of Brabant, was built during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. It now houses a cultural centre and a museum which has paintings, period rooms and where temporary exhibitions are also held. It has a picturesque courtyard. More on Bergen om Zoom on pages 24 & 25.

Social functions calendar Clubhouse contacts

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.

For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions to be held in the Neerlandia clubhouse or in other venues as shown:

Tues 28 Apr	"Tuesday Day Bingo" (Additional details on page 5)	11.00 am
Sat 2 May	"Memorial Service" (Additional details on page 5)	9.30 am
Sun 3 May	"Sunday Klaverjas Drive" (Additional details on page 23)	11.00 am
Tues 5 May	"Tuesday Evening Bingo" (Additional details on page 5)	7.00 pm
Thurs 7 May	"DJVV Meeting (fortnightly)"	Shop open
Tues 12 May	"Tuesday Day Bingo" (Additional details on page 5)	11.00 am
Tues 19 May	"Tuesday Evening Bingo" (Additional details on page 5)	7.00 pm
Thurs 21 May	"DJVV Meeting (fortnightly)"	Shop open
Tues 26 May	"Tuesday Day Bingo" (Additional details on page 5)	11.00 am
Fri 29 May	"End of Month Drinks" (Additional details on page 12)	5.30 pm
Tues 2 June	"Tuesday Evening Bingo" (Additional details on page 5)	7.00 pm
Thurs 4 June	"DJVV Meeting (fortnightly)"	Shop open
Sun 7 June	"Sunday Klaverjas Drive" (Additional details on page 23)	11.00 am

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:

Margaret Baltes on: 9305 2434

or phone Lianna Parker on: 0437 629 635

Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

President's Report



The Windmills Option

This is the May issue of the Neerlandia Magazine and it is now five months since the Membership gave us the go-ahead on actively working towards a sustainable future for Neerlandia. Five months later and I can tell you that this is not an easy - but an

all consuming task.

Over the past five months we have had meetings with the Windmills Committee, visits to their clubhouse to work on technical details for proposed renovations and for yet more discussions.

We have also met a few times with the City of Bayswater, both at their offices and at the Windmills. With every consultation we gather information, with every meeting we learn more and after every meeting more discussions amongst ourselves follow.

As far as a progress report for membership is concerned, I can tell you that discussions are currently still ongoing. So why does it take all this time I hear you ask. It takes so long because the Neerlandia Committee has two objectives:

- ... the outcome has to be in the interest of the Neerlandia Members, both financially and socially.
- ... the outcome has to be to the benefit of (the future of) the Dutch Club in WA.

Until we feel comfortable on behalf of our members, we will stay in our current clubhouse at Cambridge Street.

Until such times that we have negotiated an acceptable alternative for the members, we encourage you to enjoy your activities and to trust the Committee that it will look after Neerlandia's interests.

Other Committee Matters

Inge van Maanen, our secretary, has advised the Committee that she will resign from her position after the AGM in September 2015. After two years in her current position, Inge has decided to concentrate on her career, her accountancy studies and her personal life. Obviously we regret to lose her bubbly presence at the meetings but we respect her decision and we wish her and partner Euan all the best.

Although we are still enjoying Inge's work until the AGM, we are looking for a person willing and able to take minutes every second Monday of the month except in January. If you like to play an active part

in guaranteeing Neerlandia's future, please contact me on 0437 629 635 and we can discuss the possibilities.

Eric van Waaijenburg put up his hand and we are very happy with his decision to join the Neerlandia Committee. Eric and his wife Mariska are two energetic members with three young children. As a family they frequently attend the End of Month Drinks and many times Eric has come to us with suggestions and ideas. Obviously we are looking forward to working with him.

Other updates

We hope that many of you will attend the Memorial Service on 2 May at the Dutch Enclave. As per tradition, the clubhouse will be open for coffee and appeltaart afterwards. For details please refer to page 5 of this magazine or the poster in the clubhouse.

Henk Oorschot is still busying himself with Bingo and he is always looking for helpers and players. If you are looking for fun and a chance to win some money, come and join his Bingo Tuesdays. Details are further on in the magazine on pages 8 & 9.

In May there will be no Mid Month Movie as both Margaret and myself are unavailable for that function. However, I brought Toon Hermans DVDs back from the Netherlands, so we will schedule some more movie afternoons for the coming winter months. Details will be published both in the magazine and in the clubhouse.

Talking about the winter months: make sure that you stay safe and warm.

We'll talk again next month.

Lianna Parker
President

IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 8th of April 2015

Lies Baggen

One of our original members and volunteers.

Our sincere condolences to her family from the De Jeugd van Vroeger (DJVV),

The Wednesday Card Club
and the Dutch Society Neerlandia



May She Rest in Peace.

Dear readers,

More on Dutch Passports

Despite our article on Dutch Passports in the March issue of our magazine, there still seems to be some confusion regarding this important subject.

In short the main facts are as follows:

- ... If you are a Dutch Passport holder and you intent to travel overseas during the next few years, check your passport's expiry date and make sure it still has many, many years to go.
- ... Why? The reason is that **after 1 October 2015 your passport can no longer be renewed through the Dutch Consulate in Perth!**
- ... After 1 October 2015 you will have to travel to **Sydney to renew or apply for a Dutch Passport, or renew it in the Netherlands!**
- ... Any Dutch Passport renewed from now onwards will be valid for 10 years.
- ... The costs for a 10 year Passport will approximately be A\$160 - A\$200. (Cash money only at the Perth Consulate)
- ... **IMPORTANT.** Until the end of September 2015 you can still submit your application to the Perth Consulate, but there are a few things you will have to get right if you intend to do so. And do not leave it until the last days, as it takes from 3-5 weeks to process.
- ... With your Passport Application Form you will have to submit your old passport, a re-entry visa, passports of other nationality you may hold besides the Dutch one, photo-identification, passport photos (can be made at the Consulate). And a pre-paid A4 registered envelope from the Post Office.

For more *detailed* information, please contact the Dutch Consulate in Perth:

Consulate of the Netherlands in Perth

Office B, 1139 Hay Street

West Perth WA 6005

Tel: 08-9486 1579

E-mail: perth.consulate@netherlands.org.au

Website to download forms: www.mfa.nl.can

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Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri: 10am - noon

The Dutch National Soccer Team

The Dutch National Soccer team under coach Gus Hiddink are trying very hard not to make the 2015 European Soccer Championship finals.

The team played in Amsterdam against Turkey and

had to be satisfied with a 1-1 draw. They only just managed to score in extra time to secure this draw.

This result now has the Dutch in 3rd place in group A with the following points:

Czech Republic	13 points	played 5 matches
Iceland	12 points	played 5 matches
The Netherlands	7 points	played 5 matches

Only the top two teams advance to the finals.

The Dutch team has yet to play the following matches:

12 June	away to	Latvia
3 Sept	home against	Iceland
6 Sept	away to	Turkey
10 Oct	away to	Kazakhstan
13 Oct	home to the	Czech Republic

It may well come down to the last qualifier against the Czechs to decide the 2 qualifiers, providing the Dutch win most of all the other matches.

A little glimmer of form was shown in their 2-0 win in a friendly against Spain, although it must be mentioned that Spain only fielded their B team.

Pieter Leeflang,
Editor

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MEMORIALSERVICE, SATURDAY THE 2ND OF MAY TO MARK THE 70TH YEAR OF THE LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

LEST WE FORGET

At the Dutch Annex, Perth War Cemetery and Gardens of Remembrance,
SMYTHE ROAD, NEDLANDS

Assembly starts at 9.30 am



THE ROTTERDAM BLITZ AERIAL BOMBING BY GERMAN INVASION 14/05/1940

The Ceremony should be concluded by 11.00 am, after which you are invited to attend the Neerlandia Clubhouse to relax with some refreshments and enjoy the company of old friends and others.

More information: Anne Rietveld

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De BoekHoek

Well-lit table for selling books at the End of Month Drinks.

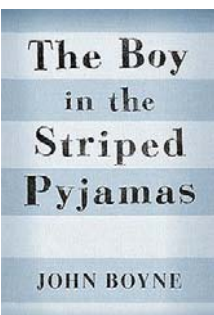


Justin van der Stelt in front of the Book Stall with Tom Devilee behind the counter.

Dear fellow club members, at the last Dutch book sale in our clubhouse we were able to get a well-lit spot to sell them. To be honest, there were not too many customers, which was a bit disappointing. I bought a few books myself, but I have to stop that as I am collecting too many books. Also I do not want to pick all the best books, as the rest of you would have to miss out on them.

For those interested in buying books, one book is just \$2 and if you buy 3 books in one shot you only pay \$5.

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.



I have read this book to my children, it is a relative short book, but the theme is very important for the young children of today, it is about the Holocaust. I have read a couple of adventure books to the children, so when I started to read this book the children were initially not too interested in the story, but as

the story progressed and it became clear what is going on in the story, my children started to show more interest.

I don't want to say too much more about this book, you can find out for yourself if you decide to read it; but I have to add that the end is quite humbling.

Machiel van der Stelt

De KookHoek

Nicole is de inspiratie voor onze KookHoek. Zij is geboren en getogen in Nederland en komt uit een Nederlands-Indisch gezin. Eten, in de ruimste zin van het woord is haar passie: zij bereid het en kweekt zelf vele van de ingrediënten; ze leest en zij

schrijft erover - elke dag werkt zij met eten.

Nicole heeft ons toestemming gegeven om haar blog als bron te gebruiken voor onze maandelijkse KookHoek, iets waar we heel erg blij mee zijn.

"Spruitjes stampot" with Bratwurst.



Your kids will most surely not be very impressed when they hear you're serving "spruitjes" for dinner. And let's face it, quite a few adults will also pout at the thought. The thing with Brussels sprouts is that you either love them, or you hate them, but few are indifferent to the enticing (or

revolting, depending on what side you're on) taste of spruitjes.

Brussels sprouts, those little miniature green cabbages on a stalk, have been grown for centuries in Europe, reportedly brought in with the Romans, presumably grown in Brussels (hence the name), although the history is a bit lacking on the initial provenance of the vegetable.

I guess even back then "spruitjes" weren't all that much to get excited over. It never deterred the Dutch, though. Whether you prefer them boiled, mashed, shredded..... the Dutch have a recipe for it. We love our "spruitjes!"

And why not? The good-natured sprout is chock-full of vitamin C. One cup of these lovely green leafy marbles provides you with one and a half times your daily value of vitamin C. I mean, really! That's more than an orange will give you any day. Another thing we can never get enough of is a good stampot. Let's face it, it's the ultimate Dutch



comfort food: a plate of **steaming "stampot"**, whether it's **"hutspot"**, **"zuurkool"**, **"boerenkool"** or **"hete bliksem"** has chased many a winter blues away. And today we're adding "spruitjes stampot" to the list! The key to spruitjes cooking is time: not too

long, so as to maintain the amount of vitamins, but also to avoid the well-known "spruitjeslucht", the smell of overcooked sprouts. Mixed in with the vegetables, "spruitjes" lose some of their dreaded bitterness and become palatable even to the most fervent sprout-hater. And if it doesn't? Well, hey, more for you!

Spruitjes stamppot

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 medium yellow onion, peeled and sliced
- 4 fresh bratwurst
- 1 cup of water
- 1/2 beef bouillon cube
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 lbs potatoes
- 1 lb Brussels Sprouts
- 1 tablespoon corn-starch

Melt the butter in a skillet and fry the onions until golden brown. Take them out of the skillet and set aside. Now fry the brats in the skillet until brown. Lower the heat, put the onions back in the pan. Add a cup of warm water, half a beef bouillon cube and a bay leaf to the pan, cover and let the meat simmer on the back burner.

In the meantime, peel, wash and quarter your potatoes. Wash the sprouts, cut the hard bottom end off if needed (after being cut off the stalk, the bottom end of the sprout will dry out and become hard) and cut the bigger sprouts in half. Put the potatoes, with a generous pinch of salt and just enough water to cover them, on the stove and bring to a boil. Cover with a fitting lid.

After ten minutes, add the Brussels sprouts on top of the potatoes, cover and boil for another ten minutes. Lift the lid and see if the potatoes are done - the sprouts should be bright green by now! If the potatoes are done (it should be easy to poke a fork right through the potato) and the sprouts seem tender as well, take the pan off the stove. Drain the cooking liquid but do not throw it away!

Mash your potatoes and sprouts - if you have a potato masher, that's great, if not just use a large fork. Blending or whipping potatoes in a mixer will turn the whole thing into a glue-like paste! Pour a quarter cup of cooking liquid into the mashed potatoes and fold in the liquid. Taste (careful, it's hot!!). Do you like the texture, or is it too crumbly? If you want it smoother, add another quarter cup of liquid and fold it in again. Also adjust your salt at



this time.

Mix a tablespoon of corn-starch with a quarter cup of cold water and stir well. Take the brats and the onions out of the pan, bring the gravy to a boil and stir in the corn-starch slurry until the gravy thickens.

Serve a steaming plate of "spruitjes stamppot", add

a bratwurst and pour some onion gravy over it, and eet smakelijk!!

"Hete Bliksem"

Yes, I expected to get your attention with this headline. However, this is an article about food. My sister and I went out for dinner one night and on the menu was "Hete Bliksem". I vaguely remembered a dish by that name but the details I had not. We decided to order this dish and it was delicious. As "Hete Bliksem" or "Hot Lightning" is a perfect winter dish, I would like to share the recipe with you:

250 gr tart apples

250 gr sweet red apples

500 gr potatoes

25 gr butter

salt,
ground cloves (to taste)

milk (as needed)

Peel, core and chop green apples; place green apples

in a pan with water, boil and simmer for 20 minutes;

Peel, core and chop red apples, peel and chop potatoes; Add red apples and potatoes to the green apples and cook all an additional 30 minutes



When soft enough, drain all, mash, add butter, cloves and salt; add milk if needed.

This dish goes very well with black pudding or "bloedworst" and red cabbage.

Give it a try and "eet smakelijk!"



A golden tip for your next visit to Amsterdam

I recently spent three days in Amsterdam. As I had been there many times before, I got in touch with Elvira of FRIENDS IN AMSTERDAM. Elvira runs a boutique tourist service, as she designs a customized city plan: you create a wish list - shows, concerts, walks, trips; you decide the length of your stay and Elvira weaves a fantastic tourist itinerary through Amsterdam based on your interests.

My sister and I found ourselves lost in the Amsterdam of Golden Age times while we walked for hours. Not only had Elvira designed a tailor made walk for us, but every where we walked she had provided background information.

Elvira knows the tiniest cake shops, delightful B&B's, concert arrangements, private tour guides - Elvira knows how to make your next visit to Amsterdam different.

More details are on the FaceBook page Friends in Amsterdam. Enjoy!

Mother's Day (or Mothers' Day?)

During the April End of Month Drinks we will give you the opportunity to buy something special for Mother's Day. A variety of articles will be on sale: Dutch language books, pearl jewelry with a Dutch accent and other items. All pearl jewelry will be gift wrapped. Come, look and buy for Mum or for Oma. We accept VISA and MasterCard.

If you are unable to make it to join us on Friday 24 April, get in touch with Lianna Parker (0437 629 635) to arrange an alternative time.

Membership

Kaye Wegman has taken over Neerlandia Membership. During the 2 years that Kaye has maintained the Members database, it became obvious that it would be far more practical if processing Membership, the core of any club, would be dealt with by one person only.

Kaye now works directly with our Treasurer, cutting out the middleman.

Thank you Kaye for your input, your suggestions and for your pro-active way of thinking.

Lianna

BINGO BULLETIN



As the Bingo organiser, I would like to inform you of a few things that are important to you, the members of Neerlandia. Late last year, as a Committee Member, I suggested to introduce Bingo as an additional activity into our Club and with it to introduce some form of additional entertainment that some of us thought would improve the life of the Club and the desire to remain a Club member and even motivate some people to become a Neerlandia Member.



Playing Bingo is happening all around Perth in many places and at some of them, more than 200 people play Bingo week after week. It proves to be very popular. So why not at our Club House? The small group of players turning up every time, prove that they are enjoying themselves and have been doing now for more that two months and at the same time picking up some nice winnings. By not being there you don't know what you are missing, so come along and experience the laughs, excitement and fun we have when playing Bingo.

In order to make the people in the neighbourhood know about our Bingo, the service station next door to our Club House has put my Bingo Flyer on their shop door and all the residents at the nearby Mercy Care Retirement Village have received a flyer in their letterbox about our Bingo sessions. Hopefully that will bring in some more players as well. To motivate you even more, from now on if more that 20 players attend, ONE PLAYER will play for free!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

YOUR FRIENDLY BINGO ORGANISERS. Henk Oorschot and Louis James

BINGO - TUESDAY - BINGO

Day games: 12th of May, 26th of May - 9th of June, 23rd of June

Game starts at 11 am

Doors open at 10 am

Evening games: 5th of May, 19th of May - 2nd of June, 16th of June

Game starts at 7 pm

Doors open at 6 pm

The Bingo games are a great way to relax and to catch up with other people whether they are members or friends and share in the fun.

SO JOIN US AT THE NEXT BINGO SESSION !!!!!!!



Bingo Day game on Tuesday March 31st

All of the 10 players were having a ball as you can see on the photo above.



Bingo Night game on Tuesday April 7th

The 8 very regular players shared winnings with a newcomer, second on the right.



Bingo Day game on Tuesday March 17

8 players in attendance having lots of fun with the white none paying Bingo player.



Bingo Night game on Tuesday March 24

With 11 players there was a lot laughs as the winnings were paid all around.

April End of the Month Drinks

End of Month

March End of Month Drinks was certainly a quiet affair in comparison to the one that was held the month before. But, and that is the strength of this function, it was again such a good night. What makes a quieter evening so good is that Committee members have the opportunity to chat with people.



The relaxed atmosphere is a good time to (re-)connect patrons and to exchange ideas, about the club in general and about the future of the club in particular.

As I had just returned from the Netherlands, we were able to play a new Golden Earring DVD and a Racoon one; the music DVDs always go down well.

To keep a better eye on the visiting kids, the Children's Paradise was closed but soft toys, cars and trains were placed in the hall, where the children were able to play under supervision. This appeared to be a popular move and the TV set with the game boy box is now permanently situated in the hall.

A special seasonal gesture were the chocolate eggs nicely positioned in a basket and handed out by Social Coordinator Margaret to the visiting children.

Like last month the patrons were able to acquire Dutch language books clearly exposed on the herring stall. These books are of the highest quality and all proceeds go to Neerlandia; friendly volunteers are happy to assist you making a choice. The kitchen staff again showed great skills with cooking up your orders and a special thank you should go to Marianne, who stepped in while her parents Ann & Jack are away in Europe.



Bar staff, Orange Apron Brigade, you too, as always a job well done.

Thank you volunteers for your time and for your energy, thank you patrons that you made it all worthwhile again. Your visit, a drink from the bar, a snack from the kitchen and a new membership - it all contributes to sustaining Neerlandia.

And that is what we are working for so come and join us again next month!



May Birthdays & Sunday Klaverjas Drive Results

The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of May 2015**.

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**

Richard	van Leeuwen
Shirley	van Kwawegen
Johanna	(Jopie) de Boer
Frances	Zuijdgeest-Ots
Pieter	van Dijk
Jackie	Baldé
Bert	Baltes
Margaret	Bosland
Linda	Doeglas
Johanna	Padley
Johannes	Gloudie
Johan	Poorthuis
Johannes	Huysing
Gonny	Bonda
Antonia	van Kampen
Alice	Lenghaus
Vera	Horsten
Peter	Van der Wedden
An	van Kleef
Tony	van Merwyk
Klaas	de Vries
Karin	Eastwood
Frank	Verharen
Corrie	Albers
Steph	Olinga
Maria	van de Klundert
Willy	van Bruggen
Anne	Kraan
Herman	Lok
Carl	Caubo
Patrick	Blaauw
Babette	van Dijk



If your birthday is not mentioned or the details are not correct, this means that we have the incorrect data entered in our membership database. Or you may wish that your birthday is not mentioned at all. To make changes to the above you need to send an e-mail to the following:

Membership Administration

E-mail address:

neerlandia@iinet.net.au

Sunday Card Drive 29th of March.

On Sunday the 29th of March we organised another Sunday Klaverjas Drive, the second one for the month of May. The reason for that was that Sunday the 3rd of April was Easter Sunday!

These Sundays are always very enjoyable and are good fun. This time there was a good turn-up. We had 5 complete tables and we were one player short for a 6th table. Myself Con & Gerda played (non-competition) just with the three of us, which was better than reading a book or going home.

The family Plum, who won the two previous months, were no longer in Australia, but low and behold, this time sister Ann Verhoogt won the first prize.

There also was a royal battle for third prize and Joost beat Shirley by a mere 8 points.

Prize Winners:

1st prize:	Ann Verhoogt	7156 points
2nd Prize:	John van der Wielen	6600 points
3rd prize:	Joost Den Haan	6557 points

Thea had excelled in the kitchen once again and the lunch went down well, as usual.

The next card drive will be on Sunday the 3rd of May and the one after that on the 7th of June.

So, see you all then!

Gerry Creemers, organiser



The Winners: 1ste prize Ann Verhoogt; 2nd prize John van der Wielen (left); 3rd prize, Joost Den Haan.

Birth Notice and Upcoming Function



Welcome to ZOË

BORN ON 23 March 2015
at 9.34am
3,755kg and 51cm

Daughter to
Sake van Weeghel
&
Desiree de Graaf
Baby sister of
Laura

On behalf of Neerlandia
Hartelijk Gefeliciteerd!



End of Month Drinks

The next End of Month Drinks will be held on
Friday the 29th of May and the next one after that on
Friday the 26th of June.

If you would like to give us a hand to ensure we have enough volunteers to keep everyone happy, please contact Inge van Maanen ingevanmaanen@hotmail.com

Only with your continued support as volunteer will the EoM Drinks survive.

The Bar will be open from 5.30pm - 9.00 pm; the kitchen will close at 8pm.

And you are all welcome to come for some relaxation, meet up with old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!

Available from the Kitchen there will be:

Fresh Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart!

A variety of traditional Dutch snacks.

And the Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!

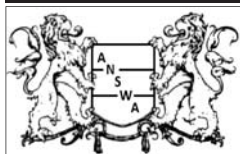
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ANSWA President: Ann Rietveld

Dear Readers,

Easter has passed and WA has had a wonderful start to our Autumn rains. I hope this continues as the farmers have had a very hard time with the drought.

When you receive this issue our

2015 Memorial to mark the 70th year of the liberation of the Netherlands may have passed. It is always my desire that this war, WW 2 hopefully is the last world war we have to endure.

In more that 30 centuries of development of our civilisation, of religions that preach peace, scientific revolution, travelling through the solar system, we have made a lot of improvements for the betterment of mankind, but we have not yet fully learned that conflicts between nations are only resolved by reason and deliberation.

We reach for weapons, in drones the weapons are massive and more destructive than ever before.

We are not even able in peace time to keep these weapons in the hands of authorities or governments exclusively. The weapon industry is booming and one must wonder why?

70 years ago was the end of the biggest war that the world has ever known. It is great that every year we remember those who have lost their lives through war and tyranny. There are so many aspects of war. The war on the battlefield, the suffering in the concentration camps. The horrible aspects of starvation in the cities. The suffering of forced labour and civil war.

Memories of war fade but are never forgotten, ask anyone, who has been in the war or the children born from parents who were in it. Wars have had a great influence on those children.

I remember when my father in the summer of 1943 was taken by the Germans into forced labour in Germany. My mum realising that she was pregnant found it impossible to find food for her son aged 6 and myself aged 3. With the help of the Red Cross the two of us were taken from Utrecht by horse and carriage to a farm in Enschede, not far from the German border. Mum was able to visit us once only in the summer of 1944 when her mother, my grandmother, was able to look after our baby

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brother. Mum and her sister rode their bicycles to visit me and my brother from Utrecht to Enschede. Quite a feat as it is a distance of approximately 150 kms.

You can imagine how happy we all were when after the liberation we were finally united as a family. Mum, Dad and us two seeing our baby brother, who by then was 18 months old, for the very first time. Thanks to all those who attended our Memorial, let us never forget to remember.

Anne Rietveld
Chair of ANSWA.

Visit to WA by Robbert van der Rijdt.



The Dutch Director of Indonesian War Graves (OGSO) Mr. Robbert van der Rijdt from Jakarta and the Defense Attaché Colonel Harold Jacobs from Canberra, visited Perth on the 1st of February to lay a wreath at the Dutch Annex of the Australian War Cemetery, in Smyth Road,



State Manager of War Graves WA, the President of ANSWA, Mrs. Anne Rietveld and Peter Rietveld, Henri Koldenhoven, treasurer of ANSWA and Marjorie Bly, secretary of ANSWA and Assistant Director of WA Archives all attended.

It was a very lovely and informal visit and Peter Rietveld managed to take some photos of the occasion.

Mr. Robbert van der Rijdt explained to us that Indonesia used to have 200 Dutch War Graves scattered all over Indonesia. These have now all been re-interred so that now there are only seven Dutch War Graves sites. Robbert was very interested in the story of Broome and Peta Alderman was only to pleased to tell both gentlemen as much as she could, in fact Peta Alderman did such a good job that both Robbert and Harold wanted to see the Australian War Graves and afterwards paid a visit to Karrakatta. Colonel Harold Jacobs loves his position and his stay in Australia so much that he reckons he has won the lottery being able to be in Australia.

Anne Rietveld



Nedlands. They were met on arrival by the honorary Consul Arnold Stroobach, Peta Alderman,



Desperation at the Bergen-Belsen camp

(Anna Frank died in March 1945 and this year that was 70 years ago. The following story on her sad life in a German camp was submitted by Machiel van der Stelt, Editor)

After days rumbling along in the dark, the train carriage comes to a sudden stop. The women in the enclosed carriage are shoved forward, with the ones sitting closest to the wall being flown into it. With the result that some of them received gaping headwounds. Anne and her sister Margot luckily were sitting in the middle of the group. The door opens brusquely with a squeaking noise. The light, which shines through the open door is bright, hurting their eyes.

"Raus, raus, raus!" A German soldier immediately orders, after which the women stand up and climb out of the carriage.

When Anne climbs out a blond soldier of not older than 17 years old looks at her and gives her a faint smile: "Nice," he whispers to Anne in German. The soldier's uniform has a name tag bearing the name: 'Adolfo von Gerstedt'.

"What's your name," the soldier asks, while holding a paper and a pen in his hands.

"Annelies Marie Frank," Anne answers. Adolfo writes her name on a list, as he does for all the other prisoners.

Weeks later Anne and Margot finally find a good place to sleep in the corner of one of the huts and this helps them to settle in the camp.

One day Anne was standing outside the hut shivering from the cold, when suddenly she sees Adolfo approaching.

"How are you doing, you look thin? Come with me behind the hut, I want to help you," Adolfo says to Anne.

Anne, surprised by the invitation, looks around hoping to find an explanation for his strange request.

"You are a German soldier, I am a Jewish prisoner, I cannot trust you Sir," Anne says.

"Yes, yes I know, but I was forced here, I didn't want to come here and seeing what is going on here disgusts me; I want to help you," Adolfo answered.

Feeling uncomfortable Anne says: "I think I will go back inside my hut."

"No, no, just come with me behind the hut, you won't regret it," Adolfo almost pleads. Anne relents and once behind the hut Adolfo shows her a chocolate bar.

"I know you are hungry, you can have this, but first I want a kiss from you," he says.

"What did you say! No way, leave me alone!" Anne replies irritated, but Adolfo grabs Anne and kisses her anyway and pushes the chocolate bar in her hands. Looking down at the ground Anne feels bewildered and confused and starts to run away from Adolfo.

Anne goes back into the dark overcrowded hut and walks directly to Margot, where she whispers to her what has happened. "Don't tell this to anyone, or we will be in big trouble," advises Margot.

However, it doesn't take long for the other girls in the hut to find out and one day when Margot and Anne are ready to take another small piece from the chocolate bar, they are surprised to find the chocolate bar has disappeared.

"Where did the rest of the chocolate go?" Anne whispers to Margot.

"Let me take a look," Margot says, while she pushes Anne

away irritably. The chocolate bar was really gone, but at that very moment one of the ladies of the hut comes to them and says: "You think you could hide the chocolate from us? You know that food is strictly forbidden, if the SS finds out we will all be in big trouble." Anne raises her eyebrows with cold sweet on her forehead and says: "We are already in a perilous situation, this is our only chance of survival."

The lady turns to Margot: "You are oldest of the two, you should know better, it was a stupid act. But as you younger sister says, we are all very hungry, so I want you to arrange more chocolate bars for us, otherwise I will tell the SS," the lady says.

This is their first encounter with Hilda Buchwind, a relentless prison collaborator, or Kapo's as they are called.

Anne realises she has not much choice but to give in to her demands, especially with Hilda standing there with her strong chin and blond hair, keeping an eye on her as if to say: "Are you going or not?" Anne doesn't know that Hilda has enough to eat and doesn't need to worry about food; but she just wants to play a game with Anne to see if she gets caught.

Anne walks close to the building where Adolfo's office is in the SS facilities area and tries to catch his attention by throwing small stones at his office window. It doesn't take long for Adolfo to appear and when Anne sees him, she hops from one leg onto another to stay warm and also to release her nervousness. Anne doesn't need to be worried that the meeting looks suspicious as the camp is hopelessly chaotic and overcrowded. Adolfo stands in front of Anne and looks at her beautiful face; she then loses it puts her head against his chest as tears start rolling over her cheeks. Then she looks up at Adolfo with her beautiful brown teary eyes: "I cannot stand this place anymore, it is horrific," she says. More tears start flowing from her eyes and she now hugs Adolfo tightly and crawls inside his long coat, while Adolfo gently strokes her hair with one hand and warms her cheek with his other hand.

"I will try to get you out, it is high risk and difficult and it could cost our lives if something goes wrong; come back next week darling," he says. With that Adolfo gives Anne a gentle kiss on her forehead and hands her a bunch of chocolate bars. Anne puts her hand softly on Adolfo's chest. "Thank you so much," she whispers to him and leaves.

Anne enters their hut, just before Hilda comes dashing in.

"Give them to me," she immediately yells at Anne.

"Six bars," Hilda says with surprise. "Here you can keep one."

Anne is relieved and hides her face in her hands and crouches on her bed. After Hilda leaves the hut Anne feels more at ease, they have at least enough chocolate get through the week. Later that day when Anne meets Margot, she explains what had happened in the hut.

"Are you all right?" Margot exclaims. Margot also sees that Anne has a faint smile on her face. "What else is going on?" she asks.

"We may get a chance to escape next week," Anne answers. Margot stares with her eyes wide open, "What do you mean escape? Escape from what?"

"Well from this camp of course, you silly," Anne says.

Margot's eyes grow even bigger: "Don't you think it is a trick, Anne? It sounds too good to be true."

"Well if we stay here we will soon be dead. Next week we will meet with Adolfo, he proposed the idea and is going to

arrange it for us." Anne says. "But why does he want to help us Anne?" Margot asks. Anne starts to blush a bit, which is very apparent on her pale skin. "He likes me and wants to save me and of course you can't be left behind," explains Anne with a embarrassing look. The following week Anne and Margot are waiting on the agreed spot in the East corner of the Large Camp. There they can see a few SS facility buildings, including the building where Adolfo works. It is already getting late, then they see to their surprise Adolfo being carried out of the building on a stretcher and into an Ambulance, while he looks at Anne and Margot. It looks like he wants to say something, but he is too weak and before they know he disappears into the Ambulance, which drives off quickly. Anne feels her tears welling up as she looks at Margot, who with closed eyes and arms crossed is pointing her face towards the sky; then it starts to rain and they run to their hut for shelter.

The next few days the weather is terrible, there are constant showers and the temperature is close to freezing. Many people walk around like zombies, others are too weak or too sick to get out of their makeshift beds.

In fact it looks like Margot is falling ill as well, she is complains of a very high temperature and soon seems to be delirious. Anne had heard of people getting Typhus and who had the same symptoms as Margot. Anne tries desperately to keep Margot's head cool with a small cloth drenched in a little puddle of muddy rainwater.

Margot moves her head uncontrolled from left to right, "Yes, mother I will come, wait for me," she mumbles. "Margot, it's me, Anne, can you hear me?" Anne whispers. "Yes, Mother, I can hear you, please don't go," Margot replies. That night Margot repeatedly cries out, while Anne tries to wake her up to calm her without much luck.

Anne looks around in panic as she feels she is losing control: "Please, can anybody help my sister, she is very ill?" she pleads. But no one can help as they are too weak themselves. In panic, Anne runs outside where it stopped raining and the sun is shining through the clouds. Anne then notices how weak she is herself, as she can hardly walk. Slowly she walks back to the hut and goes inside. Then Anne doesn't feel too well herself, so she decides to lay down on her bed. The next day Anne feels worse and decides to stay in bed and as the day progresses she feels she is getting sicker. Then she thinks she sees her mother and father but when her vision becomes a bit clearer, the face above her looks like Hilda's.

"Shh Anne, take it easy, here is one of the chocolate bars you gave me, it's for you to get better," Hilda whispers.

"What about Margot, how is she?" Anne asks.

"She is..., she is..., you need to think only about yourself now and get better," Hilda says. Anne feels the chocolate bar in her hand and clamps it tightly, she will keep it in her hand and save it for when she gets better.

"Why did you give me the chocolate bar back", Anne whisperers in confusion. Hilda does not answer that but says: "The liberation is near; the war will soon be over" "That's great news, but I feel very so tired right now, I must sleep now," Anne whispers softly.

"Sleep tight darling, have a peaceful rest." Hilda whispers back.

Machiel van der Stelt



En Opa antwoordde met: lieve kleinzoon Tim, dat komt goed uit: ik heb zopas een scanner van den Aldi gekocht. Ik zal U elke week een briefje van 100€ mailen, en ge kunt die dan afdrucken.

Groetjes, Uw Opa.



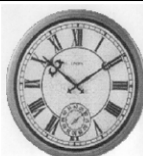
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DUTCH COMMUNITY RADIO INC. BROADCASTING ON 95.3FM 6EBA

A report released on 17 March 2015 by the Macquarie University on a study of the benefits of Volunteering states that volunteering keeps one 'Young and Vibrant'. Furthermore the report proclaims that: 'Volunteers are often the glue that keeps a community together'. All our radio team members are volunteers and during a meeting held in March, Robert had paperwork with him that dated from early broadcasts in February 1988. That is the time that Robert started as a volunteer panel operator and he became a member of the 6EBA council. The other team members were multi impressed with the amount of dedication given by Robert towards

providing the Dutch language program for migrants from the Netherlands. This surely could not be bettered by anyone?



Low and behold, Bettina rocked up in the studio for the last Sunday of the Month Program, the broadcast for those with a taste for pop music. Under her arm she had a file with program planning dating back to when she started as a volunteer announcer for the Dutch Radio. We made a copy of the first page to show you how things were done in those days. As you can see the date shows December 1983, clear evidence that Bettina has even a longer radio history than Robert.

So there you are: two people who have volunteered for numerous years and they have remained young and vibrant. They moved with the times and the change in music genres. We are proud of these two great volunteers, who have given so much of their time and energy to the Dutch Community Radio (DCR) and are still doing so without wavering. They are rightly 'The glue that

keeps the Dutch Community together'.

Maybe you like to become a volunteer for the DCR and be an announcer or panel operator for our weekly broadcasts? You do not have to attend the studio every week, maybe once a month would be more likely. If you like some more information, please contact us (see below for details).

On a different note, the DCR had real exiting broadcasts in the first quarter of this year. On the 15 February we had a program with only music, due to the NOS news of the internet not being available. And we received fantastic response on that broadcast. During the 8th of March program we gave away free passes for the movie "The kidnapping of Mr Heineken". These tickets were made available by the Becker Film Group. During the same program Theo spoke with Captain Bas van Dreumel, of the HAL. A very interesting interview on the Dutch as a 'Sea Fairing Nation' and our history of Dutch Explorers. During the broadcast of the End of the Month program we played the brand new "Parijs" from Kenny B, two days after it was released. This song was recommended by Ilse de Lange and has taken the Netherlands by storm. The Easter program was special with a quiz on the ingredients of a 'Slavink'. Congratulations to the Horsten family for being the first to phone with the correct answer and winning a



fabulous breakfast for 4. This price is generously donated by Jan Ottes, the Dutch Butcher.

That is it from the DCR for now. We are looking forward being with you each Sunday afternoon from 2 to 3:30 pm on 6EBA, 95.3FM.

You can contact the DCR be email dutchradio@iinet.net.au, or per mail to DCR, PO BOX 200, WEMBLEY WA 6913. You can reach us via the Facebook page or you can phone us on 0439 86 26 10.

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The Bagpiper

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life. As a bagpiper, I play many gigs.

Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost....it's a man thing.

Some enlightened thoughts

I dialled a number and got the following recording: "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life.

Please leave a message after the Beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

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My wife and I had words,  
But I didn't get to use mine.

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Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

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The irony of life is that, by the time  
You're old enough to know your way around,  
you're not going anywhere.

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I was always taught to respect my elders,
But it keeps getting harder to find one.

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A woman asks a man who is travelling with six children,  
"Are all these kids yours?"  
The man replies, "No, I work in a condom factory and these are customer complaints".

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A three-year-old boy was examining his testicles while taking a bath.
"Mom" he asked, "are these my brains?"
"Not yet," Mum replied.

There is someone under my bed.

I went to a shrink and told him: "I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy."

"Just put yourself in my hands for one year", said the shrink. "Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears."

"How much do you charge?"

"Eighty dollars per visit, replied the doctor."

"I'll sleep on it", I said.

Six months later the doctor met me on the street.

"Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" he asked.

"Well, eighty bucks a visit, three times a week for a year, is \$12,480.00.

A bartender cured me for \$10.00. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new pickup truck."

"Is that so?" he said with a bit of an attitude, "and how, may I ask, did a Bartender cure you?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed. There ain't room for anybody under there now."

MY TRAVEL PLANS FOR 20155

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

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Rogue Eagle Owl in Purmerend

Rogue owl caught after year-long reign of terror in Dutch town



An eagle owl sits under the eaves of a building in Purmerend, Netherlands. Photograph: Jacob Jorritsma/AP

An European eagle owl suspected of more than 50 attacks on humans in Purmerend, The Netherlands.

A rogue owl that has terrorised a northern Dutch city for the past year, forcing citizens to arm themselves with umbrellas at night, has been caught, officials have announced. Dubbed the “terror owl” by residents of Purmerend, north of Amsterdam, the aggressive European eagle owl is suspected of more than 50 attacks on humans, swooping silently from above and leaving many of its victims bloody and bruised. “The animal was trapped by a falconer today,” the Purmerend city council said on Friday evening.

“It’s in good health and is currently being kept in a temporary facility awaiting a transfer once a proper permanent home has been found,” it added.

The large owl is suspected of a spate of mysterious attacks on citizens over the last year, prompting the city to advise evening strollers to arm themselves with umbrellas for protection against aerial assaults.

“The attacks were getting heavier,” the city said, adding: “Many people were afraid to go out of their homes.”

As the owl is a protected animal, the city had to get special permission to trap the creature. Once that was granted, a falconer set out on a bird-hunt.

In one of the many assaults, two members of a local athletics club were attacked last month, with one runner requiring stitches for six head wounds caused by the nocturnal bird of prey’s talons.

Owl experts have said the bird’s behaviour was unusual, meaning it was either raised in captivity and associated humans with food, or had heightened hormone levels because of the start of the breeding season.

The European eagle owl is one of the largest owl species, with a wingspan of up to 1.8 metres (almost six feet) and weighing up to 3kg.

City council member Mario Hegger said he had mixed feelings about the owl’s capture.

“On the one hand, you would of course rather leave such a magnificent beast alone,” he said. “But on the other hand, the situation could not continue. We had to do something.”

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De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

Hungry for Hartog - The Dirk Hartog Plate



Dirk Hartog was the first confirmed European to see Western Australia. He landed on the Eendracht on October the 25th 1616 at Shark Bay, Western Australia. Hartog acknowledged the landing by nailing an inscribed pewter plate to a wooden post at the site now known as Cape Inscription.

Hartog Plate enhanced

The inscription reads:

Ao 1616, den 25sten October, is hier aen gecommen het schip de EENDRACHT van Amsterdam, den Oppercoopmen Gilles Mibais van Luyck; schipper Dirk Hartog, van Amsterdam, den 27sten, dito t' zeijl gegaen na Bantam, den Ondercoopman Jan Stoyen, Opperstierman Pieter Dockes, van Bil, Ao 1616.

Translated into English:

On the 25th October, arrived here the ship Eendracht of Amsterdam; the first merchant, Gilles Mibais, of Luyck; Captain Dirk Hartog; of Amsterdam; the 27th ditto set sail for Bantam; undermerchant Jan Stoyen, upper steersman, Pieter Dockes, from Bil, Ao, 1616.

Another Dutch explorer, William de Vlamingh, landed at the same spot in 1697. The Hartog plate was badly weathered and the post had almost rotted away. Vlamingh put another plate there with the original inscription, added one of his own inscriptions and nailed the plate to a new post that he erected, made of a cypress pine trunk taken from Rottnest Island. Vlamingh took the original plate back to the Netherlands.



Vlamingh Plate enhanced

Vlamingh's inscription read:

1697. Den 4den Februaar is hier aen gecommen het schip de GEELVINK van Amsterdam, den Commandeur schipper, Williem de Vlamingh, van Vlielandt, Adsistent Joan van Bremen, van Coppenhage; Opperstierman Michiel Blom van Estight, van Bremen. De Hoecker de NYPTANG, schipper Gerrit Collaert van Amsterdam; Adsistent Theodorus Heermans van de; d'Opperstierman Gerrit Gerritz, van Bremen, 't Galjoot t' WESELTJE, Gezaghapper Cornelis de Vlamingh van Vlielandt; Stierman Coert Gerritz, van Bremen, en van hier gezeilt met ons vloot den 12do voorts net Zuytland te ondersoecken en gedestineert voor Batavia.

Translated in English:

1697 The 4th February is here arrived the ship The Geelvinck for Amsterdam. The Commodore and Skipper William De Vlamingh of Vlielandt, Assistant Joannes Bremer of Copenhagen Upper Steersman Michiel Bloem of The Bishopric of Bremen The Hooker The Nyptangh Skipper Gerrit Colaart of Amsterdam Assit Theodorus

Heirmans Ditto Upper Steersman Gerrit Geritson of Bremen The Galliot The Weeseltie Commander Cornelis De Vlamingh of Vlielandt Steerman Coert Gerritsen of Bremen Sailed from Here with our fleet the also The Southland Further to Explore and Bound for Batavia.

In 1801, the French captain of the Naturaliste Jacques Félix Emmanuel Hamelin, second in command of an expedition led by Nicolas Baudin in the Geographe entered Shark Bay and sent a party ashore. By chance the party found Vlamingh's plate, even though it was half buried in the sand, as the post had rotted away with the ravages of the weather. When the party returned the plate to the ship, Hamelin ordered it to be returned, considering it somewhat sacrilegious to have removed it. One of Hamelin's officers, Louis de Freycinet, felt that this action was inappropriate and that such a trophy should be taken and returned to Europe. Hamelin also had a plate, or similar, of his own prepared and inscribed with details of his voyage and he had both erected at the Vlamingh site. It was then named Cape Inscription.

In 1818 in the Uranie, French explorer Louis de Freycinet, who had been an officer in Hamelin's 1801 crew, sent a boat ashore to recover Vlamingh's plate and substituted a lead plate, which has never been found. His wife Rose de Freycinet, who was on board, having stowed away with her husband's assistance, recorded the event in what was in effect a diary of her circumnavigation. After being shipwrecked in the Falkland Islands the plate and other materials from the Uranie voyage were later transferred to another ship and taken to France, where it was presented to the Académie Française in Paris.

After being lost for more than a century, the Vlamingh plate was rediscovered in 1940 on the bottom shelf of a small room, mixed up with old copper engraving plates. In recognition of Australian losses in the defence of France during the two world wars, the plate was eventually returned to Australia and presented back on the 28th May in 1947. It is currently housed in the Western Australian Maritime Museum in Fremantle, Western Australia.

The Hartog Plate sets the moment in time when the existence of the speculated south land was realised. It is the oldest-known artefact of European exploration in Australia still in existence. It tells of the early Dutch presence in the Indian Ocean, its trade with Java and the subsequent mapping and exploration of the Australian west coast and Tasmania.

Marking the location of Cape Inscription the Commonwealth government commemorated Dirk Hartog's landing with a brass plaque in 1938. Just short of 60 years later, on 12 February 1997, the then premier of Western Australia Richard Court unveiled a bronze plaque to mark the tri-centennial of Vlamingh's visit. The original plate was returned to the Netherlands, where it is still kept in the Rijksmuseum Amsterdam.

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The City of Bergen op Zoom



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Bergen op Zoom is a municipality and a city located in the province of Brabant in the south of the Netherlands. Population about 67,000.

The city was built right where two types of soil meet: sandy soil and marine clay.

The sandy soil pushed against the marine clay, met their match and hills were formed over several centuries. People called those hills the Brabantse Wal, literally meaning "wall of Brabant".

Bergen op Zoom was granted city status probably in 1212. In 1287 the city and its surroundings became a lordship on its own when it was separated from the lordship of Breda. The lordship status was elevated to a Marquiesdom in 1559. Several families ruled Bergen op Zoom in succession until 1795, although the title was only nominal since at least the seventeenth century.

History.

During the early modern period, Bergen op Zoom was a very strong fortress and one of the main armories and arsenals of the United Provinces. It had a remarkable natural defensive site, surrounded as it was by marshes and easily floodable polders. Furthermore, it could receive reinforcements and supplies by sea, if the besieging army did not have a fleet to blockade its port.

Due to these features, the city was one of the most strategic cities held by the Dutch during their revolt in the Eighty Years War.

It was at that time besieged by Alessandro Farnese first in 1588, and by Ambrosio Spinola a second time in 1622.

Both sieges were unsuccessful and Bergen op Zoom got the nickname La Pucelle or The Virgin as it had never surrendered during a siege.

However, in 1747, during the War of the Austrian Succession, the French army laid siege to it again.

At that time, Bergen op Zoom had fortifications built by Menno van Coehoorn, with three forts surrounding the city and a canalized diversion of the Scheldt acting as a ditch around its walls.

However, it had no second line of fortifications, nor any fortress. After seventy days of siege, the city was taken and thoroughly ransacked; the local garrison was slaughtered. An inscription to that fact can be read on the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.



Bergen op Zoom in 1649. Note the marshes (left, top right), canalized diversion of the Scheldt and extensive fortifications.

Trading town



Gertrudiskerk (Church)

During the reign of Jan II van Glymes (1417–1494), nicknamed "Jan with the big lips", probably caused by an infection, an economic growth occurred. The big fairs that were held twice a year, in spring and fall, were known both known within the land as well as abroad. Merchants from the whole of Europe came to Bergen op Zoom to sell their goods.

The following economic recession was largely caused by bad accessibility to the port, due to a number of floods in Zeeland and West-Brabant.

In addition, modernisation of trade techniques, like the permanent stock exchange instead of the fairs, also deteriorated the economy.

Nevertheless, these fairs kept going until 1910.

Gertrudiskerk

The oldest part of the church is the body of the tower, which dates from around 1370. The present church building, completed in 1477, was designed by Everaert Spoorwater. He designed a new choir with ambulatory, chapels and side chapels in the ship in the style of Brabant Gothic.

The City of Bergen op Zoom



Grote Markt

The Grote Markt is the central square of Bergen op Zoom. It is an important meeting place and there are several terraces. It is also the oldest part of town. It's surrounded by historical buildings like the Town Hall and Hotel de Draak.



Gevangenpoort

Gevangenpoort (Prison Gate)

Gevangenpoort is the oldest monument in Bergen op Zoom.

The gate dates from the 14th century and is one of the few remaining examples of a town gate as they were found in almost all Dutch towns and cities.

It is the only remaining city gate in Bergen op Zoom, and is declared a national monument.

The Markiezenhof

The Markiezenhof is a late Gothic palace, residence of the lords and later the marquis of Bergen op Zoom.

Built in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, it presently houses a cultural center and a museum with paintings, period rooms, and temporary exhibitions. It also has a very picturesque courtyard.



Compiled from the internet by Pieter Leeftang



Town Hall



Watertower



Carnaval

Codebreaker and Sudoku Puzzles

15	6	3	11	9	23	10		23	25	19	3	11	10	15
10		11		18		11		10		26		9		20
12	6	9	1	7	15	25	18	8		9	18	18	10	19
6		24		2		20		9		18		4		25
13	13	24	10		20	15	2	1	26	13	11	13	4	2
9		25		22		10		9		1				10
25	14	19	25	9	8		10	18	8	10	25	19	10	8
		8		11		3		10		19		10		
19	10	15	9	8	6	25	11		22	13	11	17	10	15
25				10		19		19		15		13		9
22	25	16	10	19	20	19	13	13	14		14	11	6	5
26		26		18		25		1		21		16		16
9	18	6	19	10		1	19	13	1	13	8	9	11	10
8		23		15		7		1		11		18		10
10	5	20	13	15	10	15		13	1	16	25	4	13	18

CODEBREAKER PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter always.

The codes for 3 letters are revealed. Start with entering these 3 letters throughout the puzzle first and then start guessing your first word. If you are unsure, use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out you can erase and start again.

The April Codebreaker easy, once you found the words "Eyeballs, Abysmal and Maybe", you were cruising on the way to complete it.

The detailed solution of the December Codebreaker was:

A=26; B=2; C=9; D=10; E=16; F=4; G=23; H=13; I=19; J=11; K=8; L=6; M=24; N=21; O=12; P=22; Q=3; R=7; S=20; T=25; U=17; V=5; W=18; X=1; Y=15; Z=14.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
C							D					O
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column, but each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9. Last month the same Sudoku was accidentally printed twice!

Sudoku - Easy #02

1						2	7	6
		9	1	4				
	2			6		9	1	
	8			9	6	1		
7	3			8	4			
		2		5		8		
5		6		3				
		7				5		
3	4		5	9				

Sudoku - Moderate #2

9	1	6	2	4				
2	3							
			1		8			2
5	2	1						7
	8	9				5	1	
7	6			9				3
				8		7	2	1
	9				4	6		5
	7	3			5			

April's Moderate Sudoku solution

4	8	9	6	2	5	1	3	7
2	1	6	7	9	3	5	4	8
3	7	5	8	1	4	6	9	2
9	2	3	1	5	8	7	6	4
5	4	7	9	3	6	8	2	1
8	6	1	4	7	2	9	5	3
1	5	8	2	4	9	3	7	6
6	9	2	3	8	7	4	1	5
7	3	4	5	6	1	2	8	9

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